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SUBJECT: Directive for Slant to NIE 11-6-54

1. On 28 June the IAC directed (IAC-M-202) the "production by early September of a supplement to NIE 11-6-54... to bring that estimate up to date. The new info on which this request is based is contained in Air Intelligence Brief No. \_\_\_\_\_, 28 June 1955 (I have been unable to locate this).

2. We envisage this paper as being a relatively brief one. There seems to be no need for example, to: (a) restate all of the evidence and indications given in 11-6-54; or (b) redo the economic section, which would involve a large scale exercise. Instead what seems most desirable is merely to summarize the new evidence and indicate what changes in the 11-6 capabilities estimates, if any, need be made.

3. Some agency may raise the question of the new data justifying the thesis that all our estimates about Soviet capabilities are now outdated, and that the "earliest possible" dates should now be accepted as "probable," for example. I feel we should view this with a very jaundiced eye, unless the logic seems irrefutable, because the fact that the Soviets are well along on one missile category need by no means imply that they are equally well along on all of them.

4. Col. White and Sid Graybeal in O/SI have told me they will prepare draft T/As by next Wed. or so and send them to us. We'd do well to cooperate closely with them at every stage.

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